

HAGENS ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF HONOLULU CHAMBER

Opposition To Him Because of
German Birth Killed By
His Statement

WITHDRAWAL OF SHINGLE
FROM RACE MAKES TROUBLE

Proposal To Postpone Election of
Officers In View of Crisis
Defeated

J. F. C. Hagens, president of H. Hackfeld & Co., was elected president of the Honolulu chamber of commerce yesterday at the annual meeting of members.

Withdrawal of R. W. Shingle as a candidate for the presidency leaving Mr. Hagens the only nominee resulted in an unsuccessful move, led by W. O. Smith, for postponement of the annual election so that other nominations could be made on the plea that the approach of war between Germany and the United States warranted such a course as "wise."

Mr. Hagens frankly and clearly defined the issue as one centering about his German birth stating that he fully understood and approved of the move for nomination of other candidates. He explained that he had been publicly nominated for the presidency without his knowledge and consent and thus placed in a difficult and delicate position. He announced that he had been urged by many friends to withdraw as a candidate and agreed that the interests of harmony would be served by such a move.

"I did not do so and I cannot do so now under the circumstances into which I have been unwillingly placed," said Mr. Hagens.

Defends His Loyalty

"It would be an impeachment of my loyalty as a citizen of the United States to withdraw my name as a candidate for an office of this chamber in the present situation."

Hearty applause greeted this statement, the opposition to Mr. Hagens was dropped and the following officers and directors were elected:

J. F. C. Hagens, president; Norman E. Gedge, first vice-president; F. C. Atherton, second vice-president; A. Lewis, Jr., treasurer; and George H. Angus, E. A. Berrell, E. F. Bishop, P. E. Blake, A. W. T. Bottomley, A. L. Castle, R. A. Cooke, J. P. Denison, J. D. Dole, C. B. Hemenway, F. J. Lowrey, W. H. McInerney, E. H. Paris, T. H. Petrie, G. W. Smith, J. Waterhouse and N. Watkins, directors.

The situation raised by Mr. Hagens being the single candidate was tangled by two factors. The nominating committee of the chamber did not consult those whom it had selected as candidates before naming and publishing the list of nominees. The by-laws of the chamber do not permit the nomination at the annual meeting of others than those selected by the nominating committee. The by-laws specify that nominations other than those of the committee must be made in writing by members a certain number of days before the annual meeting. It was to make possible further nominations in writing for the presidency of the chamber that W. O. Smith moved that the report of the committee be referred back for two weeks and that the annual meeting and election be adjourned for two weeks when Mr. Shingle withdrew as a candidate.

Mr. Shingle Might Be Busy

Mr. Shingle stated that pressure of business prohibited his devoting the time required to chamber affairs should he be elected. He added that A. N. Campbell, his business associate, is ill and will have to take a six months' rest, leaving the burden of his office work doubled. Mr. Shingle pointed out that permission had not been asked to name him for the presidency of the chamber and recommended that hereafter the nominating committee consult those whom it desires to make candidates.

Others withdrawing as candidates were W. F. Dillingham for first vice-president, Carl do Roi for second vice-president, and P. A. Swift, H. F. Wichman and R. B. Booth for the board of directors.

W. O. Smith then urged postponement of the election pointing out the imminent danger of war.

Thinks Election Unwise

"The country is on the verge of a great war," said Mr. Smith, "and it would be an unwise move for this chamber not to postpone the election and permit of further nominations. It is the part of wisdom, I think, to delay this election in the face of the critical international situation. We might do something, otherwise, for which we would be sorry later."

Mr. Smith and A. J. Campbell, chairman of the nominating committee, defeated the legality of postponing the election and other members joined in the discussion. One member urged that Mr. Shingle and Mr. Dillingham reconsider their withdrawals. Mr. Shingle reiterated his refusal to run for the presidency. Then Mr. Hagens, who had been present throughout the discussion, made the following statement:

"I am in the same position as Mr. Shingle. I was not asked to be a candidate. I was simply notified of my nomination after the selections of the nominating committee were announced."

Asked To Withdraw

"Now I feel that this discussion centers somewhat about my birth. And as I was asked by several members of the chamber and certain friends to withdraw my name as a candidate, I would like to make my stand in this matter clear."

SENATOR KAMAHOA WOULD BOOST PAY

Big Island Solon Makes Sole
Move Outside Routine of
Senate's Session

The session of the senate yesterday was routine boiled down to the bone. There wasn't a ripple of excitement—not a contention, not a single argument or difference of opinion.

The senate merely took up the order of business that lay upon the desks of its members and cleared it off expeditiously, then adjourned.

Only one new bill was introduced. Senator Kamaoha distinguished himself by the striking originality of foisting upon the senate a bill to boost the salaries of virtually all the county officials of the Big Island. The bill passed first reading, and in the natural course of events will be ordered to print, then referred to the ways and means committee and mercifully smothered in the senatorial gas chamber.

The senate passed on second reading three related bills, all introduced by Senator Shingle, all wiping out old and obsolete appropriations by former legislatures.

One senate bill and two house bills came up for second reading and were referred to committees. None of them was of a nature to excite debate or opposition.

Five bills passed their final reading. They were all house bills, and consequently go to the Governor for his signature that will make laws of them. They were:

House Bill 88, which appropriates \$1500 for the purchase of law books for the circuit court of the fourth judicial circuit.

House Bill 153, making special appropriation for the payment of claims against the Territory previous to the beginning of the year.

House Bill 155, making special emergency appropriations.

House Bill 156, making a special emergency appropriation of \$15,000 for the national guard.

House Bill 165, relating to sales of real estate by guardians.

"I was asked to withdraw in the interests of harmony. I was not asked to be a candidate. The announcement of my name caused considerable discussion. After this discussion on my candidacy had gone around the city for some time, certain friends urged me to withdraw. I felt very keenly on the subject. After members of the chamber asked me to withdraw, I felt that it would be in the interests of harmony to do so."

"But I felt that I could not withdraw under the circumstances."

"We are all close together here in a small community and we are more or less all American citizens; some by force of circumstances, some by adoption and some by their own free will. Citizens By Choice"

"Some have had the good fortune to be born American citizens. When we joined the Union at the time of annexation, some became citizens that way. Others have become citizens of the United States by choice."

"I am a citizen of one of the last two classes. I have been in this country thirty years—just thirty years last month. I have tried to do my best in behalf of the community in which I happen to be. I became a citizen as it was possible for me to do so."

"It would be an impeachment of my own loyalty as such a citizen if I should withdraw my name now as a candidate for an office of this chamber under the present circumstances."

"I am fully in accord with Mr. W. O. Smith's ideas and what he has said. I have no personal aspirations to be president of this chamber of commerce."

"But, as I told a friend, I would serve this chamber the same, and as soon as president or as floor-sweeper."

Votes For Hagens

The applause that greeted the final remarks of Mr. Hagens ended the discussion, and as no second had been made to either Mr. Smith's motion for postponement or another of similar nature, the balloting took place and the results for the presidency announced as Mr. Hagens, sixty-six; Mr. Shingle, seven, and W. O. Smith, one.

After Mr. Hagens had been escorted to the chair and handed the gavel by George W. Smith, the retiring president, the new president of the chamber said:

"I feel this situation keenly, as I said before, and I can well understand and fully approve of the action of Mr. W. O. Smith and some of our members."

"When I was informed of my nomination, I certainly accepted with reluctance, and it is with even more reluctance that I accept the honor bestowed on me now as president."

"I feel mindful of the responsibility and duties which are counted upon from me and which I will have to fulfill."

"A certain sense of duty is inherent in every man, and I believe there is no more sacred sense of duty than is shown by the faithful performance of one's duty to the country and the community in which one lives and to one's family and friends and the people at large."

"I will do everything possible to do my duty and any and all circumstances to my best knowledge and ability, to every member of this chamber, to the chamber itself and to the country."

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CANTONNIER NOW TO BE INSTALLED ON BIG ISLAND

Practically All Necessary Arrangements Completed By
The Board of Supervisors

WILL NOT AWAIT FOR THE
ACTION OF LEGISLATURE

Road Laborer Is To Keep Crater
Drive In First Class
Condition

HILO, March 19.—There is now every prospect that the cantonnier system will not have to await the action of the legislature to be put in operation in the County of Hawaii, as practically all arrangements have been completed for the employment by the county of a cantonnier, or road laborer, permanently on the Crater Drive to keep that important road in first class condition all the time and if he fails to do so he will quickly lose his job.

This new departure in road work here is the result of efforts made by L. A. Thurston, heartily backed by Executive Officer Samuel Kaubane. The first offer by Mr. Thurston was to raise the money by private subscription for the payment of the cantonnier, but this Chairman Kaubane refused to permit, stating that the county would pay the man.

Action has already been taken to have the site for the laborer's cottage surveyed and the lease for it from the Bishop Estate will soon be ready, and then it will be seen what a good man can do to keep a stretch of road in good repair. The experiment will be watched with much interest in all parts of the Territory.

The correspondence leading up to this consummation is in part as follows: First Offer Made

HILO, Hawaii, January 25th, 1917. Samuel Kaubane, Esq., Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Hilo, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:—In confirmation of my recent conversation with you I beg to state as follows:

The Crater drive, from the Crater Hotel to the old prisoners' camp is in very bad condition. The chief pilikia is chuck holes. If these can be filled now, the road will be small; but if not, the road is in danger of becoming impassable in rainy weather, and, in any event exceedingly damaging to autos and uncomfortable to their riders.

This road is used more than any other on the island except the streets of Hilo.

The present promises to be the best tourist season Hawaii has ever known. It is good policy to cater in every possible way to the tourist, and I suggest that one of the cheapest and best ways of so doing is to maintain the road named in good condition so that they may carry away the pleasantest impressions concerning this trip.

Local people also use this road a good deal.

I realize that there are many demands on the county treasury that cannot all be met. In this connection I have consulted a number of the local auto owners and others interested in keeping this road in good condition, and find a general willingness to maintain the road at private expense, if the county will put it in order and furnish material to keep it up.

In order to put the proposition in shape for prompt action I hereby personally offer as follows:

If the county will put the crater in good condition, the sooner the better, by hauling on coarse gravel from beyond the old prisoners' camp, or other similar material, and also place loads of the same along the road in quantities sufficient to keep it up as needed, and tools for a laborer, I will undertake, without expense to the county, to keep the said road in good condition for not less than one year, and for as much longer as may be mutually agreed upon.

I further suggest that if the county will move one of the small cottages and a tank from the present Kanapali owner's camp to a point about midway on the Crater Drive, for occupation by the section man in charge, it will greatly increase the usefulness of the man by having him close to his work. If this meets your views I will undertake to secure the site from the owner.

If this correctly states our oral understanding upon the above subject, will you kindly confirm it, so that all arrangements can be completed as quickly as possible, so as to take care of the present heavy travel.

Respectfully yours,
L. A. THURSTON.

County Takes Responsibility
February 1, 1917.

L. A. Thurston, Esq., Hilo, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:—I am instructed by Samuel Kaubane, Chairman and Executive Officer of the County of Hawaii, to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th of January, 1917, in re the Crater Drive.

He wishes to state that a gang of men are at work today on the road and that these men will remain there until the drive is in shape.

He is perfectly willing to have a cottage built for a man, who will look after the road, if the desired permission for the use of the premises, preferably the old Jail Camp site, can be had from the Bishop Estate. Your "road office" in this matter will be highly appreciated.

In re the expense of a section man, Mr. Kaubane states that the County will pay expenses for the upkeep of the road and for the laborer's time.

He thoroughly appreciates your kind offer and interest in the matter and would deem it a favor, if you will

LEGISLATORS FAVOR EMERGENCY FUND

Solons Propose Now To Protect
Any Such Fund From Frivolous
Expenditure

Members of both senate and house, although not unanimous in the matter, continue, as a majority, to hold to the attitude taken by the house that the governor should not be given a contingent fund to play with and waste as he did the contingent fund of \$50,000 appropriated by the last legislature.

But there is also a strong feeling, that probably will find definite expression in bill or resolution, that there should be some emergency fund that can be drawn upon in case of real and actual emergency.

Most of the legislators who have expressed themselves on the matter say that the expenditure of such a fund should not be left to the judgement of Governor Pinkham, in view of the way he used a large part of the last contingent fund for frivolities and to gratify a private grudge, but they say the fund should be tied up in a "fool-proof" package.

Senator Chillingworth, president of the senate, suggested yesterday that an emergency (not a contingent) fund should be appropriated; to be expended only under the auditing of, say, the chairman of the house finance committee, who is Clarence Cooke, and the chairman of the senate ways and means committee, who is R. W. Shingle.

It appears probable that some such scheme will ultimately be adopted, as it is held that there should be available to real emergencies, such as outbreaks of epidemics, some fund not otherwise definitely appropriated.

But there is no apparent intention of the house letting up in its attack on the authority of Governor Pinkham. Speaker Holstein, who forced through the resolution deleting from the appropriation bill the \$150,000 contingent fund then asked for by the Governor, and then doubled the action of the house by killing a motion to reconsider, said yesterday that he had hardly started. It is understood that the bomb he threw into the gubernatorial camp is only one of a number of explosives he has ready for Pinkham.

Hawaii.

DEEDS REPRESENTING
QUARTER-MILLION FIELD

Forty-four deeds were placed on record in the bureau of conveyances during the past week, representing an exchange of property valued according to the records at a total of \$273,494.50.

Transactions of record in mortgages involved an amount totalling \$178,423, of which \$157,855 represented new mortgages placed and \$20,568 mortgages released. There were nineteen of the former recorded and twenty-five of the latter.

see to the acquiring of the section man's cottage.

Very truly yours,
STEPHEN L. DESHA, JR., Secretary.

Bishop Estate Ready
Honolulu, Hawaii, March 10, 1917. Mr. Samuel Kaubane, Chairman Board of Supervisors, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:—Lease or lot for laborer on crater drive—In conformity with your request I submitted a request to the trustees of the B. P. Bishop Estate that they lease to the County of Hawaii, one acre of land on the automobile road to the crater of Kiluaea for the purpose of locating a residence thereon for a laborer to care for said Crater Drive.

The trustees have replied that they would give a lease to the Supervisors of the County of Hawaii, of one acre for the term of ten years for said purpose for the rental of one dollar; upon condition that said premises should be kept in tidy condition and that buildings thereon should be slightly and kept in good order and so placed as to be inconspicuous from the road.

A further condition is that the location shall be approved by Mr. Gere and a description furnished by the county, which description shall be incorporated in the lease. The rent is to be net of all taxes and assessments which may be borne by the county.

I have interviewed Mr. Gere as to what place he would approve. He states that you may exercise your own judgement as to location, but he suggests that it be near the Twin Craters, or thereabouts, so as to be approximately mid-way of the road to be taken care of. He says you need not wait for him to come to locate the lot.

The lease will also be subject to the usual printed conditions of the Bishop Estate leases.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
L. A. THURSTON.

Plan Is Satisfactory
March 12, 1917.

Mr. L. A. Thurston, Honolulu T. H.

Dear Sir:—I am instructed by Samuel Kaubane, Chairman and Executive Officer of the County of Hawaii, to beg acknowledgment of your communication of March 10, 1917, and to thank you for your good offices in re the lease of lot for laborer on the Crater Drive.

Mr. Kaubane states that the conditions imposed by the Trustees of the B. P. Bishop Estate are entirely reasonable and that the County of Hawaii will comply with them and any other reasonable requirements or conditions of a like nature.

He feels that the site suggested in our previous communication would be more suitable; consequently, the County Engineer will be instructed to make the necessary survey and locate the lot.

Thanking you once more for your kindly interest in the matter.

I am,
Yours very truly,
S. L. DESHA JR., Secretary to the Chairman.

SPORTS

College Athletes
To Compete
Late In May

Intercollegiate Association Votes
To Hold Meet At Franklin
Field, Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—At the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, held in the Bellevue-Stratford this afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual championships of the association at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on May 25 and 26, the last Friday and Saturday in May. Cornell and Harvard were the other colleges besides Pennsylvania which extended invitations for the meet, but they were snubbed under the vote taken reading: Pennsylvania, 13; Cornell, 3; Harvard, 2.

Richard Bentley of Yale was elected president of the association by unanimous vote, and the other officers also were chosen without a dissenting voice. Several minor amendments proposed to the athletic regulations failed to provoke any discussion, and the delegates of the eighteen colleges represented appeared to take interest in only one thing, the place where the next big games would be held.

If sentiment had played any large part in the deliberations of the undergraduates, Cornell would probably have carried off the meet, but delegates of the small colleges, backed up by Princeton, were swayed by more material considerations, and the question of expense in sending teams to Ithaca resulted in the first application ever made by Cornell for the meet being rejected with thanks. Moreover, it was felt that a big game at Franklin Field is assured, while even the intense enthusiasm in and around Ithaca for track athletics scarcely justified the assumption that the up-State crowd would be as large as that which annually visits either Philadelphia or Cambridge.

As To Hammer Throw

Gustavus T. Kirby, on behalf of the advisory committee, presented the proposed changes in the laws of athletics and they were accepted. One of these given power to the referee to select from the competitors in each event the starters in each heat and the power to delegate this authority to the clerk of the course. Another calls for the clerk to make a report of the starters and men who qualify in each event.

The hammer-throwing rule was amended so that men who touch the ring in throwing are deemed to commit a foul. The old rule had the words "step on" instead of "touch," and Mr. Kirby stated that one competitor who sat down on the ring insisted that there was no reason to disqualify him. These rules, which were carefully amended a year ago, are now considered complete, and it was resolved that any further changes could only be made after thirty days' notice.

WHERE THE MAJORS ARE

Big league teams are now scattered all over the southland, getting in trim for the coming baseball campaign. Here are the various training camps this year:

American League
Washington at Augusta, Ga.
Tigers at Wabasha, Tex.
Yankees at Macon, Ga.
Red Sox at Hot Springs, Ark.
Athletics at Jacksonville, Fla.
Indians at New Orleans.

National League
Giants at Marlin, Tex.
Dodgers at Hot Springs, Ark.
Braves at Miami, Fla.
Phillies at St. Petersburg, Fla.
Cubs at Pasadena, Fla.
Pirates at Columbus, Ga.
Cardinals at San Antonio, Tex.
Reds at Shreveport, La.

HE'S A HUMAN SUBMARINE

CHICAGO, Illinois, March 3.—What is claimed today as a world's record for underwater swimming was made last night at the University of Chicago by Samuel Williston, a Chicago freshman who swam 324 feet. The previous mark was 290 feet. In breaking the record, however, young Williston had a narrow escape, as he sank just as he crossed the finish line. He was pulled out unconscious.

The event was a feature in connection with a dual meet between the Universities of Wisconsin and Chicago, which was won by the latter, 39 to 29.

WATER AND GASOLINE
IN AUTO START FIRE

Mixture of water and gasoline as fuel for John Won's automobile last night caused a backfire that set the machine ablaze at Port and Hotel Streets. Woo turned in an alarm but before the arrival of the department, John Leekegal, an employee of the Hawaii Theater, had extinguished the blaze with hand apparatus. Woo told Fire Chief Thurston that a Chinese in a down town garage had sold him a mixture of half water and half gasoline and that he was on his way to the garage to get back the money he paid for the "bad gas" when the fire broke out. Only slight damage was done to the machine, which is number 915.

ARMY BASEBALL ARRANGED

The 1917 baseball schedule of the United States Military Academy team includes 23 games, all to be played on the Academy diamond, Stanford University of the Pacific Coast, will meet the cadets June 5. The game will be played with the Navy May 26.

AYAU DEPARTS

Vernon Ayau, the Chinese shortstop, who has been signed by Seattle of the Northwestern league, sailed for San Francisco in the Wilhelmina yesterday morning to report for the season.

PILIKIA IS OVER FOR YOU BUN HEE

St. Louis Man O. K., A. A. U.
Officials Decide — Kam
Leong Chun In

You Bun HEE's amateur standing is O. K. Yesterday afternoon, in W. T. Rawlins' office, the case of the St. Louis College athlete, whose status as a bona fide amateur was questioned, was taken up by the A. A. U., represented by President Rawlins, John Soper, chairman of the registration committee, and Glenn Jackson, of the Y. M. C. A.

After digging into the pros and cons of the subject from four o'clock to five-thirty, the committee unanimously arrived at the conclusion that the standing of You Bun HEE as an amateur was not to be questioned.

Had the committee ruled against him, St. Louis' chances for the intercollegiate meet Saturday would have gone glimmering, for You is one of its best bets in the half-mile relay and a sure point-getter. A few points in the intercollegiate meet often have in the past decided the winner, and St. Louis with You Bun HEE has a fighting chance for first honors, but otherwise nil.

Went To the Far East

You Bun HEE is a freshman at St. Louis. When in the seventh grade he went to the Far East as a shortstop on the Chinese baseball team. The team had been invited to Shanghai by the committee in charge of the Shanghai 1915 Olympic games.

The only money the players received was for expenses and a great portion of it was raised by local subscription. The playing of two or three well-known professionals made the status of You Bun HEE and Kan Leong Chan questionable.

After his return You Bun HEE applied for admittance into the A. A. U. His request was denied.

When the Junior League movement gained ground last year a number of men were dealt leniently with by the local A. A. U. and admitted into the ranks. You Bun HEE was one of them.

But Kan HEE's

You Bun HEE received his card last May, and all went well until two weeks ago, when it came to light that while he received a card, Kan Leong Chun, now of McKinley High, the young teammate of You Bun HEE, was unable to obtain his.

As a result of these developments, a meeting was called last week, but was postponed till yesterday afternoon, and You Bun HEE was vindicated. Kan Leong Chun also was admitted to the A. A. U.

You Bun HEE, since his return home from the East in 1915, has not played professional ball, and Kan Leong Chun's pilikia has extended for nearly two years. This the A. A. U. officials considered to be an ample punishment, and, together with the early age of the two sinners when the trip was undertaken, alone is responsible for You Bun HEE to retain his card and Kan Leong Chun to be admitted.

It was suggested at this meeting that one of the officials should give a lecture at the various schools on amateurism so as to prevent pilikia in the future.

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